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DENR SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: CREATION OF A COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE THE IDENTIFICATION AND INVENTORY OF HERITAGE TREES NATIONWIDE

In the interest of the service and to preserve Heritage Trees which are, regardless of age, possess ecological, cultural and historical values representative of our natural heritage, a Committee is hereby created to coordinate efforts leading towards the identification and inventory of said Heritage Trees in the country to be composed of the following:

USEC FOR FIELD OPERATIONS	-	Chairperson
DIRECTOR, ERDB	-	Member
DIRECTOR, FMB	-	Member
DIRECTOR, SCO	-	Member
REP. FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL NGO	-	Member
REP. FROM NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION	-	Member

The Team shall perform the following tasks:

1. Coordinate the identification, characterization, inventory, mapping documentation and compilation of information about Heritage Trees nationwide;
2. Recommend policies for the effective protection and preservation of identified Heritage Trees consistent with the principles of biological diversity and sustainable development;
3. Establish linkages with research entities and funding institutions for the conduct of needed researches/studies about Heritage Trees, and
4. Submit periodic reports to the Office of the Secretary regarding this undertaking.

This Order takes effect immediately.


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